



**G**hrough **C**hrist we have gained access to the grace  
in which we now stand.

*Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*

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*SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH  
LAFAYETTE HILL, PENNSYLVANIA*

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Second Collection: Debt Reduction

Second Collection Next Weekend:  
Catholic Home Missions

Operation Rice Bowl

Please continue to put your Rice Bowl Collection Envelope in the collection basket during the Season of Lent.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the sick so that they may be comforted by the concern and love of their families and the family of the Church: Joie Nicole Barr, Addison Birney, John Cacchio, Jr., Vincent Cellucci, Gregory Cenevino, Ed Coach, Mary Connery, Patricia Coscia, Susan DiBonaventura, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Charles DiLullo, Jr., Michael Egan, Kevin Flanagan, Claire Fleming, Nicholas Floutsis, Marge Gallagher, Bill Geppert, Jason Hamilton, Arthur Hellebusch, Sharon Hofknecht, Vincent Jacoby, Catherine Kershaw, Lauretta Kolb, George and Molly Lozinak, Lauren Lamar, Jacqueline Leflar, James Maggetti, Margaret McLaughlin, Joan Marine, Julia McLaughlin, Jean McLenigan, Sue Male, Barbara Martinick, Peg Mateja, Carmen and Helen Morelli, John Mullahy, Lisa O'Brien, Thomas Mortimore, IV, Dolores O'Neill, James V. Pienkowski, Barbie Preston, John Rees, Ann Rathke, Gloria Reilly, Tim Schwartz, Peter Shields, Sr., Betty Smith, Tim Schwartz, Mary Szoffara, Rhoda Younglove and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

**PLEASE PRAY** for those who died and those we remember in the silence of our hearts, especially: David Deasy, Peggy O'Brien and Lorraine Sirriani.

**BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS** are scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 PM in the Rectory Conference Room. Your baby is always welcome in Church, however, for the instruction itself, please try to schedule a babysitter so you may be free to concentrate. Also, please call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 for sign up purposes.

**WE WELCOME** Hailey Ann, daughter of Timothy and Nicole Callahan into the parish community of Saint Philip Neri Church. Hailey Ann was baptized weekend.

Please Note:

There will be no *STATIONS OF THE CROSS* on Wednesday.

## ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Michael and Mary Paparo  
8:30 AM Anthony J. Basile, Sr.

Tuesday

6:30 AM Irene Martine  
8:30 AM Denise Cotteta

Wednesday

6:30 AM George Goodman  
8:30 AM Nick Paxson

Thursday

6:30 AM Betti Hornung  
8:30 AM Timothy McNichol  
16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Friday

6:30 AM Brendan Gray  
8:30 AM John Cafagna

Saturday

8:30 AM George and Mary Barr

## PASTOR'S NOTE...

I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR OUR LADY OF HOPE GOSPEL CHOIR WILL BE SINGING AT OUR 5:00 PM MASS ON APRIL 2. IF YOU APPRECIATE GOSPEL MUSIC YOU WILL WANT TO ATTEND THIS MASS. IT IS TRULY INSPIRING AND LIVELY.



**We warmly welcome Monsignor Dan Sullivan to Saint Philip Neri Church. Father Dan will be the guest homilist at all of our masses this weekend. He will be encouraging all of us to attend our Parish Retreat which begins on Monday night at 7:30. The theme for our Parish Retreat will be *Working with God Toward Personal Healing*. Each of the three nights will last about an hour and within that hour all of us will be touched by the Lord, feel forgiven, be blessed and become a better person in the eyes of the Lord. Please plan to attend our three-night Parish Retreat and bring your family and friends with you.**



## **MUSIC NOTES**

Through Lent we will be singing the Latin *Sanctus and Agnus Dei* found in your Breaking Bread Hymnal #859 and #862. The words to the Memorial Acclamation are:

610-834-9868. We are interested in learning more about you too!

## **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? If you are interested in becoming a member of the faith community here at St. Philip Neri, call the Religious Education Office at

we will study Numbers, Joshua, Judges, 1, 2 Samuel and 1 Kings. This is a continuation of what we covered last year, but not to worry, we will review it all so everyone is welcome and no one will be behind. Material cost is \$30.

**Small Christian Community:** Reflect on the Sunday Scriptures Tuesday mornings after the 8:30 Mass in the sacristy. A simple, educational, inspirational activity for Lent.

**Women's Mini-Retreat** May 7 from 8:30-12:00 with Sr. Marie Michele Donnelly from Mercy Ministries in the church and school hall. **All women of the parish are invited.** Husbands/Dads, it would make a great mother's day gift...beats a massage because it will last a whole lot longer!

## **Frozen Casseroles for St. John's Hospice**

Could you find time to make a casserole for the homeless at St. John's? Pans, lids and recipes are available in the Church Office and at Barbara McCarthy's (610-828-2058). Frozen casseroles are brought to Barbara's house before 9:00 AM the first Wednesday of each month. The next delivery is Wednesday, April 6. Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule. They are greatly needed and appreciated.

## **WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

Please consider joining our Women's Prayer Group. We meet from 10:00 to 11:00 every Thursday morning in the Cry Room in the Church. We would be glad to have you join us.

## **MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

Men of different ages meet every Wednesday morning in the Rectory Conference Room from 7:30 to 8:30. There are no experts, just men searching for a deeper relationship with God. If you are interested in joining and wish more information, call Duane McCarthy at 610.825.5237.

## **H.O.P.E.**

If you, or anyone you know, needs transportation to a doctor or dentist appointment, or to Church on Sunday, please call Anne or Bill Franks at 610-828-2530 or (E-mail:

[ann59bil@gmail.com](mailto:ann59bil@gmail.com)), or Loretta Zych at 215-836-1127.

Note: Additional weekday drivers and group leaders are needed.

## **Question of the Week**

When the message of the cross seemed absurd to you, and when have you seen its wisdom?



## **Think About It! Adult Faith Formation**

[LindaBaneckerAFF@aol.com](mailto:LindaBaneckerAFF@aol.com) or 610-828-0344

**Lenten Bible Study:** Join in the Great Adventure Bible Study, April 6, 13, 20, 27 at 7:00 in the school library where

## **Vacation Bible School**

Mark your calendars Bible stories Games Crafts Songs Snacks

Place: Saint Philip Neri School Building

Dates: July 18-22, Times: 9:00AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: \$40.00 per child

**Registration March 16 to April 30**

Open: Children age 4 - through Grade 3

Questions: Jeanette Paul 610-834-9868



**MARCH MADNESS** St. Philip Neri CYO and Home & School Association are running their Annual March Madness Fund Raiser. Tickets are \$10 with \$3,000 in cash prizes. Contact Tim Koenig at [timandkath@comcast.net](mailto:timandkath@comcast.net) or 215.301.7774. Please help support our fund raising efforts. Visit our web site to follow all the action.

<http://marchmadness.net>. Every raffle ticket buyer uses the above website to track their ticket's place in the raffle.



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## **SCHOOL NEWS**

March came in like a lion at St. Philip's! We began our first week with a lot of activity. Terra Nova testing took place and

St. Philips, through NDS, offered a nutritious breakfast so that our students could “Fuel Up For Success.” Over 100 students showed up each day to enjoy an important start to their day! During this same week, the entire school took part in our One School One Book reading initiative. The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane was read by students, faculty, and families and was a huge success. We put the fun into reading and received plenty of positive feedback from students and families. Edward’s journey depicted a very clear message that served as a reminder to us, as Catholics. Being open to receive love and grace from others helps us to give it as well. We began our Lenten season with liturgy on Ash Wednesday. Each Thursday, during Lent, students will attend stations. Most grades will attend an 8:30 mass once a week. **The Wellness Committee** sponsored their own “Go for the Greens” on St. Patrick’s Day. Students were encouraged to taste a fruit or veggie they like as well as trying something new. This event was coupled with March being National Nutrition Month. A tidbit of nutritional information could be heard over the morning announcements each day. The school also welcomed back Mrs. Cefaratti, a former teacher, for a Wellness Wednesday activity. Mrs. Cefaratti demonstrated fitness and good health by leading plenty of students in a few fun dance steps. Among the fun and exciting things going on at St. Philip’s, the students are very aware that this is a time, in our church calendar, to reflect, pray, give, and sacrifice. Through the efforts of the faculty and administration, there are constant reminders of how to make this Lent a time of transformation.

### **High School Youth Group News**

The High School Youth Group will meet on Wednesday, **April 6**, from 6:30-9:00 PM in the library. We will view the film *To Save A Life*. This movie is highly recommended for teens and addresses issues of bullying, peer pressure, and doing what is right.

The High School Youth Group will be attending a Philadelphia Union Game on Saturday, **June 25**. Bus will leave SPN at 6:00 PM, after the 5:00 PM Mass, and return after the game. The cost is \$35 per person, which includes the ticket to the game and the bus. Parents, siblings, and friends are all welcome! Please email Mary Beth McGroary if interested.

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Students \$8. For additional information call Director Tom Windfelder at 215-425-6995 or 610-223-4191 or [www.archboychoir.org](http://www.archboychoir.org).

**Sisters’ Night** hosted by the **Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** an opportunity for young women (18+) to share informally with IHM Sisters, Friday, April 8, 6:00-9:00 PM at Villa Maria House of Studies. RSVP: Sister Rose Bernadette Mulligan, 610-889-1553 or [ihmvoc@aol.com](mailto:ihmvoc@aol.com)

### **Mount Saint Joseph Academy**

Invites seventh grade girls to experience life at the Mount. Join us for a morning visit. Visitations begin Thursday, April 7 and continue through May. To arrange a visit, have a parent call the Admission Office at 215-233-9133. Visit our website at

[www.msjiacad.org](http://www.msjiacad.org)

### **Spring Fling Shopping Event - April 20**

Invite your family and friends for a wonderful afternoon of shopping and fun! Over 50 vendors will be at the Mount featuring jewelry, accessories, clothing, home goods and much more! Tickets price – Adults \$15 in advance (\$20 at door); Students \$8.50. Includes light lunch, soft drinks, and cocktails. For more information and to register, please visit:

[www.msjaalum.org/SpringFling](http://www.msjaalum.org/SpringFling).

### **Summer Camps for Girls Ages 10-14**

Basketball – June 20-24; Crew – June 20-23, June 27-30 and July 11-14; Field Hockey – June 27-30; Functional Performance Training for the Developing Athlete – June 20-23; Tennis – June 20-23 (singles) or June 27-30 (doubles); Volleyball – June 27-30.

**Northeast Catholic Alumni Association** will hold their 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast on Sunday, April 3. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM at St. Martin of Tours Church, Roosevelt Boulevard and Sanger Street. Breakfast will follow immediately after at Cannstatter’s, 9130 Academy Road. Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey will be the principal speaker and recipient of the Association’s Annual Outstanding Achievement Award. Four alumni will be inducted into the **NECHS Hall of Fame** – Michael McDevitt ’82; Honorable John R. Padova, ’52; Reverend Francis W. Collins, MM, ’38; and Association President John R. Hanejko, ’65. Tickets may be obtained by mailing your check for \$23 to Northeast Catholic Alumni Association, Inc. P.O. Box 4896, Philadelphia, PA 19124-0896. For additional information call 215-543-1051.

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### **PALM SUNDAY CONCERT!**

***The Archdiocesan Boy Choir*** will perform a Palm Sunday Concert at St. John the Baptist Church, 146 Rector Street, Manayunk on Sunday, April 17 at 3:00 PM. Do not miss the opportunity to hear their cathedral sound that will inspire and touch your heart. Tickets available at the door: Adults \$12, Seniors \$10,